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## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements:  
4.11 p.m.—Grand Fete in Botanic Gar-  
den.  
9 p.m.—Performance by the Bandmann  
Dramatic Co. at City Hall.  
9 p.m.—Performance of Hippodrome  
Circus at Causeway Bay.  
Miscellaneous:  
Good per Delta not cleared at 4 p.m.  
on this date subject to rent.  
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4 p.m. this date will be loaded.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, May 6.—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Ernest Electric  
Lamps and Accessories, at Messrs  
Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, at No. 13, Robinson Road.  
5.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's  
Sales Rooms.  
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this date subject to rent.FRIDAY, May 7.—  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Union Insurance  
Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.  
1.45 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'  
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.  
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this date subject to rent.SATURDAY, May 8.—  
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on this date subject to rent.  
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this date subject to rent.MONDAY, May 10.—  
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, at No. 2, Lyceum Villas,  
Kowloon.  
5 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Postage  
Stamps, at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's  
Sales Rooms.  
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this date subject to rent.WEDNESDAY, May 12.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, at No. 2, Kennedy Road.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1909.

## MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

The celebration of the centenary of the birth of EDWARD FITZGERALD, of "Omar Khayyam" fame, occupied quite a storm in a tea-cup in literary circles in England. Mr. AUGUSTINE BIRRELL, Chief Secretary for Ireland, the literary dilettante among latter-day lawyers, and the author of some most delightful Obituary Dicta, was the man who troubled the placid waters and brought about the petty little squabble. It seems that on the day of the celebration he travelled down to Woodbridge and in company with Mr. FELIX CORBOLD, the Suffolk banker, repaired to the Crown Inn, where they partook of bread and cheese and washed down the plain and frugal fare with fine old Colchester ale, as FITZGERALD had done many a time and oft in the days that are no more. We can imagine the talk which the two well-read and highly congenial companions indulged in and the humour of the situation created a moment or so later when unto them entered a motor-cyclist who had ridden that day from Southend and who, in answer to their casual remarks, avowed that he had never heard of FITZGERALD, and besides had no curiosity as to what manner of man he might have been. Mr. BIRRELL seized upon the incident to illustrate a point he wished to emphasize in the course of his reply to the toast of "Literature," proposed that same evening by Dr. ROBERTSON NICOLL at the FITZGERALD Centenary dinner. He held that FITZGERALD would far rather have not the motor-cyclist than any of the men who had gathered around the table that evening; for such, he held, was the peculiar humour and whimsical fancy of the man. "A literary aristocrat to the finger-tips, delighting in perusing, digesting and criticising the intellectual output of all the ages," "Old Fitz," as Tennyson called him at 84, loved books, but shrank from coming into personal contact with their writers.

As Mr. BIRRELL pointed out, one could count on the fingers of one hand the times FITZGERALD and TENNYSON—great friends though they were all through life—met after they left Cambridge. FITZGERALD did not return Tennyson's one visit to Little Grange or invite him to come again. It was the same in regard to THACKERAY. FITZGERALD once ran the risk of meeting him in Piccadilly and he turned round and went back again; yet THACKERAY had once proposed jointly renting a castle in Normandy with his old College friend. Once he had "come to forty year" the Sage of Woodbridge became more and more of a recluse, even his nieces who kept house for him at Little Grange, sometimes not seeing him for weeks at a time, though they were all under the same roof together. No wonder that even in Woodbridge he was little known and that casual visitors to the town inquiring for FITZGERALD were more often than not directed to the local chief policeman who rejoiced in the same patronymic, at which blunder FITZGERALD greatly rejoiced.

Mr. BIRRELL's remarks, for all their truth, were evidently greatly resented by that curious coterie, the Omar Khayyam Club, for at their centenary dinner, Mr. EDWARD GOSSE, proposing the toast of "The Memory of the Master," turned and furiously rent the learned Irish Secretary. He declared with much heat that Mr. BIRRELL had rashly declared that FITZGERALD's "affection for his fellow-creatures was consistent with a disregard of all literary company." On this, he continued, he found certain statements which no one acquainted with the life and letters of FITZGERALD would enorse. For what was the truth? Why, that no one who ever lived was more dependent upon literary company, the company of the living as well as the dead. "What was Mr. BIRRELL thinking of to ignore CANLYLE and SPENSER and BERNARD BARTON, COWELL and THOMPSON and ALVIS WRIGHT, not to mention TENNYSON and THACKERAY? It was impossible to read his correspondence and not see that literary company, the society of books and the men who write books, formed the very breath of FITZGERALD's nostrils. Mr. GOSSE preferred to take the motor-cyclist from Southend as "purely symbolic, representing a tendency which was now only too rampant, a tendency indulged in by such men of letters as were ashamed of literature and took it only as a recreation, as something permissible on rainy days, or when there were not enough people present to play bridge." This affectation, he remarked, more in sorrow than in anger, seemed incidental to literary men; they did not hear of painters who were ashamed of painting, nor of sculptors who blushed at the dust of marble on their blouses. No example of the writer who bluntly preferred the company of the Philistine for its own sake, to that of the spirit attuned to intelligent emotion, could have been more rashly chosen than that of FITZGERALD.

In his anxiety to slay BIRRELL, the dilettante litterateur, GOSSE, the self-conscious poet, strayed rather wide of his mark. He mistook the other's point of view entirely. No one at this hour of the day doubts the absorbing interest which FITZGERALD took in "all sorts of literature, his letters amply testify to that, but it is equally certain that he was more lumpy when aloft with "Pooh," the illiterate Lowestoft fisherman and men of "his kidney," than when he was driving through the leafy Suffolk lanes with CANLYLE or trying to persuade TENNYSON of the beauties and benefits of a vegetarian diet. It was a peculiar phase of the morbid neurosis from which the translator of OMAR KHAYYAM suffered all through life. Mr. GOSSE's diatribe against the accusation that FITZGERALD, like so many other literary men, was afflicted with the false affectation which makes them ashamed of their calling, really falls in its effect, for the accusation was never made by Mr. BIRRELL, English literature is full of such men, we know. Sir WALTER SCOTT, CONGREVE,

BRYAN are foremost examples; and we shrewdly suspect that Mr. GOSSE wished to pillory Mr. AUGUSTINE BIRRELL in the same distinguished company. Hence the fire and fury of his outburst.

But how "old Fitz" would smile at all this fuss and frenzy, so alien to his habits and disposition. By his own confession he early set himself to lead a life of "visionary inactivity," or, as he once put it to his friend PULLOCK, "I have been all my life apprentice to this heavy business of idleness; and am not yet master of my craft; the gods are too just to suffer that I should." His much reading made him a fine writer, but he never sought fame among the bookmen and avoided the crowded haunts of men like a shy field-mouse. As a recent writer in the *Times* very aptly phrased it, "His life was securely rooted in old, simple habits. A man of strong affections, he lavished them almost as warmly on the imaginary but ever present friends of his solitude, as on the real friends whom he so seldom saw."

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

There were 430 European and 225 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 242 European and 3,041 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 2nd May.

This morning a native blacksmith was engaged in erecting a wire-netting fence at Mr J. A. Jupp's tennis court at 16, The Peak, when he lost his balance and fell. Death ensued from the injuries received.

Able Seaman JONES, firing from the new battleship *Agamemnon*, with a 12-pounder 18-wt. gun on the newest type of mounting, made no fewer than 15 hits with 15 rounds in the short period of 55 seconds. This is a world's record.

Yesterday Mrs. FERNANDEZ, of 20, Morrison Hill Road, was making some purchases in a Japanese shop at 4, Arsenal Street, when she missed her handbag which she had placed on the counter. It contained notes to the value of \$102. She suspects a Chinese who came into the shop while she was there and who departed before she became aware of the theft.

Discussing the future of Lord Charles Beresford, an American paper says:—Lord Charles is expected to become one of the most brilliant forces in British public life. The present Government esteems him highly as a fighting Admiral, but takes the ground that he is wholly unfit for administrative work, as he makes ardent friendships and violent enemies by his temperamental quality, and this tends to divide the Navy. The Government recognizes Admiral Beresford as supremely gifted for war, but says that Britain cannot have war all the time in order to give him the employment for which he is best suited.

Tokyo journals agree in stating that the Chinese have produced more or less satisfactory proofs as to the ownership of Pratas Island, and that in these circumstances Japan will have no hesitation in recognising China's sovereignty, says the *Japan Mail*. As for the Nishikawa enterprise, however, it was undertaken in absolute good faith, and the money sunk in the undertaking has gone to the development of resources which, so far as human fore-sight indicates, would have remained eternally unexploited had the old conditions prevailed. It would therefore be at once unjust and impolitic to drive out Mr. Nishikawa and close his works. Some understanding will have to be arrived at on his subject.

The use of the gramophone in church, where soloists are not available, has been recently exemplified at Orkney Church, Watford, Hertfordshire, where two Sunday school children have been given of the "Messiah" and "Elijah." These were given after Evensong, and a congregation of about five hundred listened attentively. So that everything should be done "decently and in order," the organ was a cask, and the organ was utilised for certain portions of the music, such as the overture. In "Elijah," two beautiful records of "If With All Your Hearts," and "Then Shall the Righteous," by Mr. Edward Lloyd, were remarkably faithful reproductions of the voice of the great tenor, who is now retired and can no longer be heard on the public platform.

Melbourne has lost one of its oldest journalists by the death of Mr. George Arthur Walstab, who had been on the editorial staff of the *Evening Herald* of that city for many years. Arriving in Melbourne in 1852, when he was in his eighteenth year, he joined the police force as a cadet, and took part in some of the most exciting episodes of the "great gold rush" of that period. When the Indian Mutiny broke out he threw up his police appointment, joined Richardson's Horse, and went to the front. At the end of the war he became sub-editor, and afterwards editor of the *Englewood*. In 1886 he returned to Melbourne. Mr. Walstab published four novels, "Standing at Bay," "Confessed at Last," "Pierce Charlton's Wives," and "Looking Back."

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The S. S. *Kaitong* which arrived on Monday from Manila with Harmon's circus had a very rough passage.

The Bank of Formosa, which formerly established branches in Hongkong, Foochow, Swatow and Amoy and subsequently in Shanghai and Singapore, now proposes, says a Tokyo correspondent, to establish branches in Canton and Bangkok and to increase its capital to ten million yen from five million yen.

The suicide of Captain A. S. Watson, the Yangtze pilot, which was telegraphed to us by our Shanghai correspondent last week, was full of pathos. He was about sixty years of age and had buried two wives at Pashienyao Cemetery, one in 1886 and the other three years ago. Early in the morning he was seen in the vicinity of the graves, but appears to have left the Cemetery soon after, returning about 1 o'clock. An hour later a shot rang out and the gardener found the unfortunate man dead, stretched over the grave of his first wife.

## THE CIRCUS.

The circus continues in popularity and on Monday evening there was again a very large attendance when a most admirable programme was gone through to the delight of those present. Romah and Elliott were distinctly unique in the comic hat entrance while Miss Ada and Dickey were superb in their great cycling act. The sensational feats of the Myers Brothers with a bamboo perch were watched with the greatest interest and their successful performance was greeted with rounds of applause. Mookerjee was also good on the triple horizontal bars. Quite a novelty was the statue horse introduced by Miss Zelin and the representations of "Fairies," "Amazon Watering Her Horse," "Witch of the Forest," "Mazop-pa's Fall," "Two Good Friends," "Before the Battle," "After the Battle," "Trumpeter of Sackingen," "Napoleon before Moscow," created a most favourable impression. Professor G. Urban concluded a most excellent performance with daring feats in the lion's den.

## ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Hung Tai, of 44 Staunton Street, was today fined \$25 at the Magistracy for having a false scale in his possession.

The master of a licensed passenger boat was fined \$15, at the Marine Court, this morning, for making fast to the s.s. *Zafro* whilst under way in the harbour.

Several cases of failure to attach stamps to rent receipts were dealt with by Mr. F. A. Hazell, at the Magistracy to-day. In each instance fines of \$25 were imposed.

## CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Canton Correspondent.)  
CANTON, May 3.

NO OPIUM SMOKERS REQUIRED.  
The new Tartar General is setting a good example by his efforts to eradicate the opium evil. He has required all the subordinate officers to state whether or not they are addicted to the habit. Over ten men have been obliged to promise to give up the habit within ten days or else forfeit their positions. It is stated that the officials belonging to the Eight Banners will be the next to be examined.

## EMPLOYMENT AT THE MINT.

A certain European recently applied to the Viceroy for a situation in the Mint. He was informed that the staff is complete and that there was no likelihood of a vacancy occurring.

## LOW TIDES AT CANTON.

During the past week the tides have been particularly low in the river at Canton. The Chinese sampan people have been turning this to good account as it has enabled them to catch large numbers of shell-fish.

## RELIEF FROM RHEUMATIC PAINS.

THE great pain relieving power of Chamberlain's Pain Balm is clearly shown in cases of sciatica and inflammatory rheumatism, both of which are extremely painful, but one application of this liniment gives relief and enables the sufferer to sleep, which in many instances he has not been able to do for several days. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

NEW SULTAN'S  
POPULARITY.

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London, May 3.  
A message from Constantinople states that the new Sultan drove to the hospitals to visit the wounded Salonika troops in an open carriage attended by a single orderly. He was loudly cheered in the streets.

AUSTRIA'S ARMY AND  
NAVY.

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London, May 3.  
A Vienna message states that Austria intends to build three or four Dreadnoughts. The Government will, however, ask the Delegations for five hundred million crowns towards increased Army expenditure, which has been necessary largely on account of military preparations in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

DEATH OF DR MAR-  
SHALL LANG.

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London, May 3.  
The death has occurred of the Very Rev. John Marshall Lang, D.D., LL.D., C.V.O., Principal of Aberdeen University.

[Note.—The late Dr. Lang was a great traveller. He was at the time of his death honorary member of the Imperial University of St. Petersburg, and of the Imperial Military Academy of St. Petersburg, as well as of the Egyptian Institute. He lived until May 4th (today) he would have been 73 years of age. He was the second son of the Rev. Gavin Lang, and married in 1861 a daughter of Dr. P. W. H. Little, Minister of Hamilton. Educated at the High School and University of Glasgow, he soon distinguished himself as a scholar, and in 1872 was sent as a Deputy to the United States, while 15 years later he visited Australia in a similar capacity. He was Moderator of the Church of Scotland in 1893, and chairman of the Convention on the Religious Condition of the People, which met from 1890 to 1896. He was elected President of the Reformed Churches (Presbyterian) in the latter year, and during 1900-1 he was Baird Lecturer, having been appointed Chancellor and Principal of Aberdeen University in 1890, which office he filled up to the time of his death. He was formerly minister of St. Nicholas, East Aberdeen; of Fyvie, Aberdeen; of Anderson Church, Glasgow; of Mornington Parish, Edinburgh; and of Barony Parish, Glasgow. Dr. Lang was the author of a large number of publications of a religious character, and father of the present Archbishop of York.]

## KING EDWARD.

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London, May 4.  
King Edward has left Naples on his homeward journey. He intended meeting the Kaiser but this was not able to be arranged.

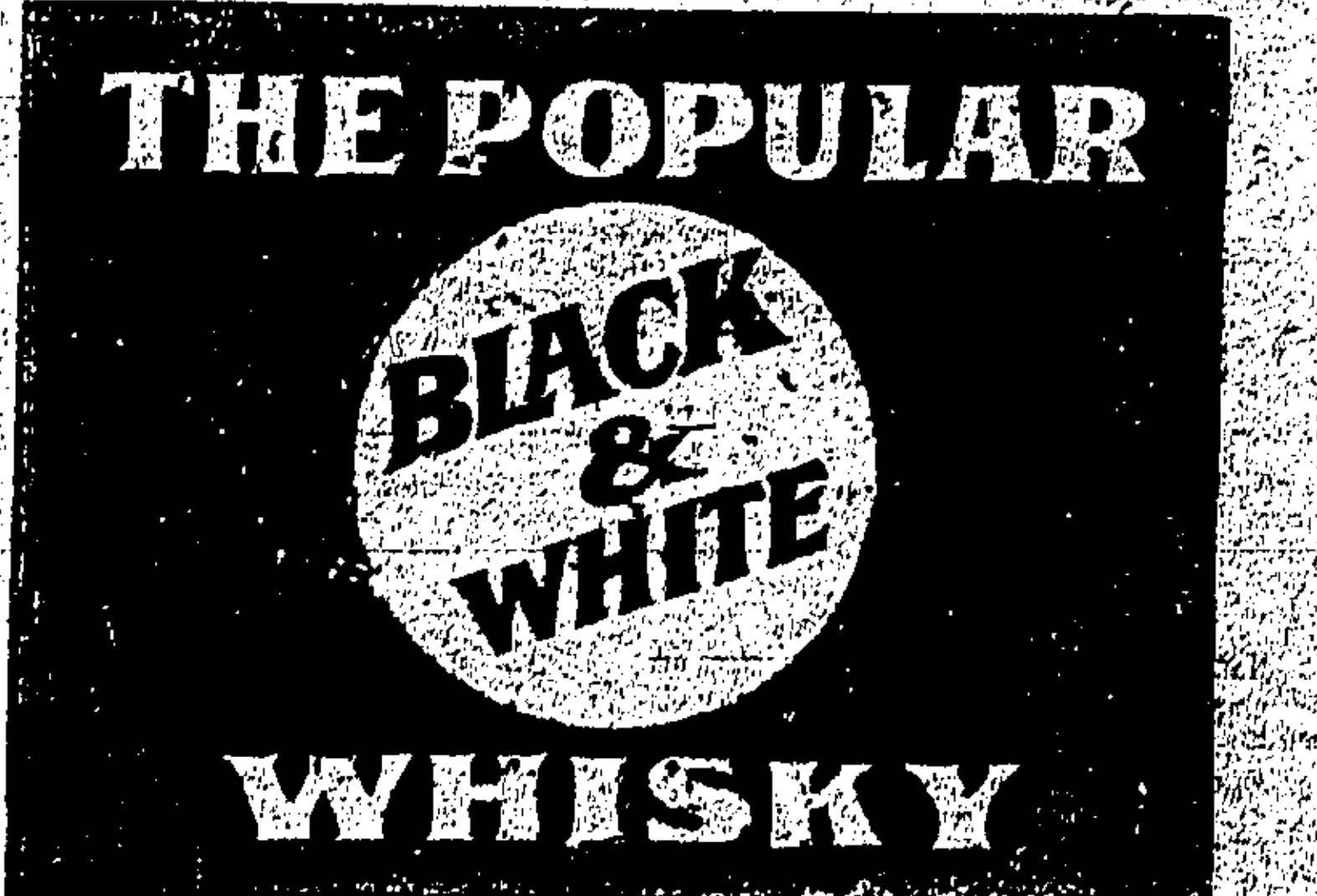
DIRE RESULTS OF THE  
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## THE MACAO QUESTION.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, May 3.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has telegraphed to K. Y. Him, the Imperial Commissioner in reference to the Macao delimitation question, its proposals on the subject and requested him to act accordingly when he meets the Portuguese Commissioner.

The Board has also directed Viceroy Cheng of Canton to conclude an extradition convention with the Governor of Macao to apply to Chinese criminals in the Colony.

## CHINESE CRIMINALS IN HONGKONG.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, May 3.

The Board of Foreign Affairs is negotiating with the British Minister with a view to securing some changes in the extradition procedure as applied to Chinese criminals in Hongkong.

## AN OFFICIAL RECALLED.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, May 3.

Yu Si Mai, a Commissioner sent to Germany to study Constitutional policy, has been urged by telegram to return to Peking at once.

## IGNORING CHINESE PRESS LAWS.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, May 3.

Viceroy Chu, Shi Chang has warned the Japanese newspaper in Fengtien that unless the Chinese Press Laws are observed the Post Office authorities will be directed to refuse to forward copies of the journal. The newspaper has ignored the warning.

## CHINESE THANKS TO JAPAN.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, May 3.

The Prince Regent proposes to send Prince Chin to Japan in order to thank the Mikado for sending Prince Toshihito as a representative to the late Emperor's funeral.

## ABILITIES OF CHINESE OFFICIALS.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, May 3.

The Prince Regent has directed the Viceroy and Governors of the various Provinces to report every half-year on the abilities of the Provincial Commissioners and Taois under them.

## THE THEATRE ROYAL.

Whether we have had a surfeit of theatrical entertainments in Hongkong or not, the fact remains that the Baudouin Dramatic Company now appearing at the Theatre Royal deserve better houses than they are receiving. On Monday they put on a very strong bill, playing two of the old Lyceum successes—“Waterloo” and “The Belle,” and made an admirable impression. Of course it is always “familiar” to use an old London catch-word, for one actor to assume the rôle which a master of the craft had made, supremely his own. In the present instance Mr. Sydney T. Pesse, who took the part of Mathias, suffered nothing by comparison with Sir Henry Irving. Irving for all his genius as a stage manager and deviser of stage effects, suffered from a good many mannerisms which even his warmest admirers deplored, while his voice, at times was the reverse of pleasant. Mr. Pesse is fortunate in being able to represent the natural man in a natural manner, and thus, as in the present case, when he rises to a supernatural stage of mental development in depicting the hallucinations which haunt Mathias after the murder of the Jew, he seems to achieve his effects normally, may almost rationally. It was certainly a masterly character study and deserved all the applause which was showered upon the actor. The other parts were well sustained by Miss Raynor, as Catherine, the Burgomaster's daughter; Mr. Henry Dallas as Christian; and Miss Lillian Lloyd as Annette. The curtain raiser, “Waterloo” brought out Mr. Pesse as Gregory Brown and Miss Lillian Lloyd as the old Corporal's niece in parts which seemed very congenial. To-night will be given “The Worst Woman in London.”

## DANGER TO NAVIGATION.

The Chinese steamer Kwang Tai, from Shanghai with mails and general cargo, reported on arrival at Hongkong having passed a wrecked junk, 30 feet above water, in Lat. 31-14 N. Long 121-51 E. N 37 W from Fairy Wreck buoy, Kintan L.V., bearing N 50 W 4 1/2 miles.

## VICTORIA CINEMATOPH.

On Friday night at the Victoria Cinematograph these popular and talented Artists, Steve Adson and Jessie Thorne, will be tendered a farewell benefit, on which occasion they will be ably supported by several well known leading local artists and professionals. Several realistic and sensational moving pictures entirely new to Hongkong will be presented for this special programme. Patrons should go early to secure seats.

Speaking to an audience of 2000 people at Glympe, Mr. Andrew Fisher, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, said:—“If the people of Australia, instead of accepting this policy of naval defence which the speaker had been outlining say that we are to proceed on the lines of making a further monetary offer to Great Britain, they would entirely fail in their object. I said in Melbourne, as I shall always say, that the only way in which we can do this is the way we propose, or some modification of that proposal. When we were asked to offer a Dreadnought I said that that was not a policy at all. I said it was merely a spectacular display. (Cheers.) You could not encourage your young men by giving a Dreadnought to Britain. The chances are that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Lord of the Admiralty would say:—We don't need that ship for this year's programme. That would be a bit broad enough surely. I feel that we could not have justified ourselves as a Government, and I certainly would not have done it if nine out of every ten people were clamouring for it, because I believe it is wrong lines. (Cheers.)

## A POPULAR AMERICAN REMEDY.

Mr. Fred O. Hamman, a prominent M.D. of Portsmouth, N. H., U.S.A., writes:—“For the past six years I have sold and recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is a great remedy and one of the best patent medicines on the market. For sale by all chemists and druggists.”

## SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING.

The following results of the later races run yesterday at Shanghai were received too late for publication in last night's issue.

**THE HART LEAGUE CUP.**—Presented by the late Mr. James Hart. Value, Tls. 100. With Tls. 100 added. For China Ponies. Half-mile.

Mr. Buxey's Rivo d'Or Rose (Campbell) 1  
Mr. John Peck's Kinkwood (Johnstone) 2  
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Fulbo (Hayes) 3

Time, 58.2/5 sec.  
Fastest time on record for half a mile, 50.4 sec.

**THE JOCKEY CUP.**—Value, Tls. 200. For China Ponies that have never won a Race. To be ridden by Jockeys who have never had more than two winning mounts at Shanghai, Hongkong or Tientsin. Jockeys, non-winners, allowed 5 lbs.; winners of one race, weight for inches as per scale; winners of two races, 7 lbs. extra. One mile.

Mr. Argentine's Animal (King) 1  
Mr. Palmer's Oracle (Rowe) 2  
Mr. Muslin's Angus (Lindsay) 3

Time, 2m. 06.2/5 sec.  
For China Ponies. Jockeys who have never won an Official Race allowed 5 lbs.—One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Buxey's Cella Rose (Vida) 1  
Mr. Fash's Marbles (Johnstone) 2  
Mr. Martin's Argente (Poulson) 3

Time, 2m. 42.2/5 sec.  
Fastest time on record for 1 1/2 miles, Lavender, 3.43.

**THE TIGER STAKE.**—Value, Tls. 300. For China Ponies, being bona fide Grif. fms at date of entry. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Sato-Borussia's Pegasus (Mollo) 1  
Mr. W. G. Pirie's Pegasus (Allderton) 2  
Mr. W. G. Pirie's Pegasus (Allderton) 3

Time, 2m. 39.1/5 sec.  
Fastest time on record for 1 1/4 miles, Moriat, 2.34.

**THE CHERRY CUP.**—Value, Tls. 200.—For Subscription Grifins. One mile.

Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Don (Hayes) 1  
Mr. John Peck's Whitemoss (Johnstone) 2  
Mr. Muslin's Morsel (Lindsay) 3

Time, 2m. 00 sec.  
**To-day's Results.**

Below are the results of the first races run to-day, kindly supplied us by the Secretary of the Hongkong Club. It will be noticed Messrs Toeg and Speelman have won the Shanghai Derby with Wye in record time, i.e. 3.03 1/2 for a mile and a half. Another record has been broken, namely, Worcester's L.297 for three-quarters; the time for the Che-ka-za Cup (three-quarters) being done in 1.27 1/2.

**THE CHE-KA-ZA CUP.**—Value Tls. 250. For China Ponies. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Beverly's Worcester (Vida) 1  
Mr. Jemmer's Sokol (Allderton) 2  
Mr. Gwalby's Ravenshoe (Willemler) 3

Time, 1 m. 27.2/5 sec., the record.  
**THE SAVANNAH DERBY.**—Value Tls. 750. For China Ponies being bona fide Grifins at date of entry. One mile and a half.

Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Wye (Hayes) 1  
Mr. MacWatt's Russell (Cumming) 2  
Mr. Dugger's China (Jones) 3

Time, 2m. 39.2/5 sec. Another record.  
**THE MONGOLIAN PLATE.**—Value Tls. 200. For Subscription Grifins at this Meeting. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Wingard's Banff (Moller) 1  
Mr. John Peck's Whitemoss (Johnstone) 2  
Mr. Kame's Ving-et-un (Javers) 3

Time, 2 m. 41 sec.  
**DANGER TO NAVIGATION.**

The Chinese steamer Kwang Tai, from Shanghai with mails and general cargo, reported on arrival at Hongkong having passed a wrecked junk, 30 feet above water, in Lat. 31-14 N. Long 121-51 E. N 37 W from Fairy Wreck buoy, Kintan L.V., bearing N 50 W 4 1/2 miles.

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## THE MIYASAKI MARU.

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## THE APPEAL CASE.

The appeal case brought by the Hip On Exchange and Loan Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong and Manila Yuen Shing Exchange and Trading Co., Ltd., appellants, who moved that the decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, be reversed in the action with Li Po Yung respondents, in certain instances was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, and Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, this morning.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., dealt with the question of costs.

Mr. Slade:—There is no right of appeal on this point of costs without special leave.

The Chief Justice:—It is a point we should like to consider and which crops up.

Mr. Slade:—The leave is to be obtained prior to the case from the Court below.

Hon. Mr. Pollock:—That is on the question of appeal as to costs only. This is not a question of costs only.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K. C., said that it was obvious that on that appeal, if the Court should be of the opinion that the Court below made an erroneous decree, that that Court, as a part of its decree, could give the costs to the side which it thought fit. It was not a question of an appeal of costs and if they succeeded, that Court had the power to make an order with regard to the costs. His submission was, that assuming that the view of the Chief Justice in the Court below to be right on the facts before him, that the sale of the property should be set aside if the mortgagee so desired, the owner was entitled to the return of his money except in so far as what had subsequently been expended on the property.

The Chief Justice:—How far would you push that?

Sir Henry Berkeley:—To the utmost. What made it wrong was that the managers could not sell to themselves.

The Chief Justice:—It was perfectly legitimate for this company to sell to a syndicate of which the managers were partners.

Continuing Sir Henry Berkeley said the action must be dismissed or the money expended for developments and the sale money must be returned. He had, after he had purchased the property, built some sixteen good houses on it, and in this way had considerably developed the property.

“I conclude,” said Sir Henry Berkeley, “by asking the Court to set an early date for the paying of the money.” Six months had elapsed before any steps had been taken and in the meantime money had been spent and the property developed during the two years in which the case had been first commenced. He asked for a decree on the alternate plea and that they be freed from paying any costs in the Court below.

Mr. Slade asked that he might put in fresh evidence of events which have happened since the trial of the action.

Sir Henry Berkeley objected and said the application should have been made before the appeal commenced.

Mr. Slade:—I am going to do it as a right. Mr. Pollock said that some inconveniences might arise.

Mr. Slade said that in October application was made for a Receiver of the rents and profits and it was refused as the plaintiff company had gone into possession as mortgagees.

Further argument ensued and the case was again adjourned.

## HOLLAND EXPECTANT.

Some curious scenes were witnessed in Holland while the Dutch were awaiting the appearance of Princess Juliana. A correspondent of the *Standard* writing from The Hague on March 30, said:—

A visitor to this country who understood the language could not fail to hear a frequent reference to the expected birth of a successor to the Dutch Crown, nor could he fail to see abundant evidence of the preparations in progress to celebrate the birth and of the joy with which the event is anticipated.

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## THE DEPARTURE OF GOVERNOR GENERAL JAMES F. SMITH.

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